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## **CABOOL MAN INDICTED FOR NARCOTICS, FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Cabool, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for narcotics and firearms violations.

**Jerry L. Jacks**, 43, of Cabool, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Jacks** was in possession of a number of firearms – including four handguns, six rifles and a shotgun – in Texas County, Mo., on April 16, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jacks** has two 2001 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance in Greene County, Mo., and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for stealing in Greene County.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Jacks** was in possession with intent to distribute marijuana in Texas County on April 16, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Jacks** was in possession with intent to distribute in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine in Texas County on April 16, 2004.

Count Four of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would force **Jacks** to forfeit to the government any property derived from the proceeds of the violations alleged in the indictment, including \$18,797 seized from Jacks on April 16, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the South Central Drug Task Force, the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Missouri Department of Probation and Parole, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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